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The Board of Directors and General Manager  
Central Arizona Project  
23636 North Seventh Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85024

Dear Members of the Board of Directors and Mr. Theodore Cooke:

As you are aware, the future of the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) as a power source for the Central Arizona Project (Project) has been the subject of significant discussion in light of the expiration of the Co-Tenancy Agreement, Fuel-Supply Agreement, Operating Agreement, and Participation Agreement in December 2019. Confronted with this reality, the Department of the Interior (Department) understands that the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (the District) has been actively pursuing sources of power other than NGS, and that the Project's Board of Directors expects to consider and possibly approve such alternatives in an upcoming meeting scheduled for June 7, 2018.

The Department has broad and important interests that are affected by the operation of the Project, particularly concerning stakeholders that use Project water, including tribes, irrigators, and municipal water users. These interests have prompted a close examination of the circumstances surrounding Project power and the role of NGS in providing that power. In light of the longstanding relationship between the District and the Department in operating the Project and the need for continued coordination and cooperation, the Department would appreciate the District's perspective regarding certain issues that have arisen in the course of that review. A significant concern is that the Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968 (1968 Act)<sup>1</sup> appears to authorize NGS as a source of power for the Project, and the District is presently considering future arrangements regarding Project power that do not involve NGS.

The 1968 Act authorized the Project by providing that the "[Interior] Secretary shall construct, operate, and maintain the Central Arizona Project, consisting of [a number of specific works]." While most Bureau of Reclamation projects utilize hydroelectric power, Congress provided that power for the Project was to be obtained from an alternate source or sources, due to concerns that the dams necessary to generate the required power would detrimentally impact the landscape of the Grand Canyon.

Congress addressed these issues in Section 303 of the 1968 Act, which directed the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to conduct an evaluation of available sources of power for the Project and recommend the most feasible plan to supply the Project with power (the Plan):

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<sup>1</sup> 43 U.S.C. §§ 1521-1528.

The Secretary is authorized and directed to continue to a conclusion appropriate engineering and economic studies and to recommend the most feasible plan for the construction and operation of hydroelectric generating and transmission facilities, the purchase of electrical energy, the purchase of entitlement to electrical plant capacity, or any combination thereof, including participation, operation, or construction by non-Federal entities, for the purpose of supplying the power requirements of the Central Arizona Project and augmenting the Lower Colorado River Basin Development Fund(...).<sup>2</sup>

In Section 303(b), Congress contemplated that the Secretary's Plan could include agreements between the United States and non-Federal parties for the purpose of providing the Project a thermal source of power:

(b) If included as a part of the recommended plan, the Secretary may enter into agreements with non-Federal interests proposing to construct thermal generating powerplants whereby the United States shall acquire the right to such portions of their capacity, including delivery of power and energy over appurtenant transmission facilities to mutually agreed upon delivery points, as he determines is required in connection with the operation of the Central Arizona Project. (...)<sup>3</sup>

Section 303(c) required the submission of the Secretary's Plan to Congress within a year.<sup>4</sup>

After passage of the 1968 Act, the Secretary submitted the required Plan to Congress. As contemplated in Section 303(b), the Plan included a thermal source of power for the Project.

The Secretary's Plan describes a negotiation among several southwestern utilities building a thermal power generating plant near Page, Arizona, which ultimately resulted in agreements among the United States and 5 utilities from Arizona, California, and Nevada regarding construction of NGS. Following the required submission of the Plan and its proposal to meet the Project's power requirements through the acquisition of a contractual interest in power delivered from a thermal source – in this case what would become NGS – Congress began appropriating funds for both the Project and the Federal portion of NGS soon after the Plan's submission.

While the Department recognizes that many circumstances have changed since passage of the 1968 Act, including enactment of the 2004 Arizona Water Settlements Act, it currently believes that the 1968 Act remains the applicable governing authority and must be addressed in any decision relating to future sources of Project power. With the 1968 Act in mind, the Department expects to consider several options going forward, including the feasibility of continued use of NGS-provided power. We hope to work collaboratively with the District and other stakeholders to explore available options consistent with the 1968 Act, which may include the submission of a new plan to Congress that reflects currently available and economically viable sources of power.

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<sup>2</sup> 43 U.S.C. § 1523(a).

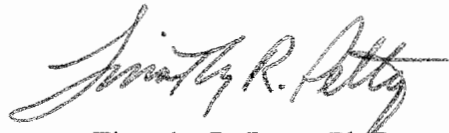
<sup>3</sup> 43 U.S.C. § 1523(b).

<sup>4</sup> 43 U.S.C. § 1523(c).

We welcome any further information you may wish to provide concerning this issue, especially as it relates to water resource management.

The Department appreciates your review of the matters set forth above, and we look forward to a constructive dialogue regarding the most appropriate path forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Timothy R. Petty". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent initial 'T' and 'P'.

Timothy R. Petty, Ph.D.  
Assistant Secretary for Water and Science

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This is helpful and thanks for letting us know about the latest development!

Bella

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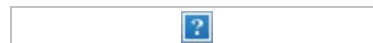
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I am pleased to announce that Mr. Joshua Kindred has been approved to start as our new Regional Solicitor for Alaska on June 11, 2018.

Josh is uniquely qualified to take on this challenge due to his combination of leadership experience and legal expertise in both public and private practice. He has handled legal issues relating to resource development in Alaska, including oil and gas, mining activities, hydrocarbon extraction, challenges to Endangered Species Act listings, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.

As the Environmental Counsel for the Alaska Oil and Gas Association, he was tasked with coordinating efforts across the private sector and with public agencies, such as the multiple bureaus within the Department of the Interior, U.S. Corp of Engineers, and NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Services.

As their Environmental Counsel, Josh managed both the AOGA Environmental Regulatory Committee and the AOGA Legal Steering Committee. The Committees analyze and respond to any regulatory developments, whether local or federal, that serve to impact oil and gas activities in Alaska and oversees and manages AOGA's litigation efforts, ranging from challenging ESA listings, critical habitat designations, and EPA regulations, to defending incidental takings regulations, respectively. He has experience managing a diverse team of attorneys, subject-matter experts, and staff, while also managing a variety of project-specific budgets.

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: Cooperative Federalism Panel at 2017 Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite  
**Date:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:07:02 PM

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Ryan - Much appreciated. Out of an abundance of caution, I will forward this email to the Designated Agency Ethics Official and Director of the Department's Ethics Office. I hope you and your family are doing well. Thank you again and best wishes, Dan



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On Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 6:58 PM Waterman, Ryan R. <[rwaterman@bhfs.com](mailto:rwaterman@bhfs.com)> wrote:

Dan,

Congratulations on your nomination to the position of Solicitor of Interior! I know that has been the job you have been doing for some time now, but it would nice to make it official.

I'm following up on our email exchange from eighteen months ago following your presentation as a keynote speaker and panelists to the Yosemite Environmental Law Conference. Believe it or not, I still have our gift for you leaning up against the wall of my office. My assistant keeps asking me, "what are we going to do with that?"

As a reminder, it is customary for the Environmental Law Section of the State Bar to present keynote speakers with a token that incorporates Yosemite National Park as a "thank you" for speaking at the conference. The token for the keynote speakers in 2017 was an Ansel Adams print with an engraved plate that reads, "Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite – 2017 Keynote Speaker." The value is approximately \$75, and it is intended primarily for presentation. See 5 C.F.R. sec. 2635.203(b)(2) (excluding "[g]reeting cards and items with little intrinsic value, such as plaques, certificates, and trophies, which are intended primarily for presentation" from the definition of a "gift"). Both Justice Liu (California Supreme Court Associate Justice) and Liane Randolph (Commissioner for the California Public Utilities Commission) accepted the same gift, but I understand that federal rules apply to you that may

lead to a different result in your case.

I would very much like to send it to you as a token of our appreciation, but understand if you cannot accept it due to federal gift rules.

Could you let me know either way what you'd like me to do with it?

Once again, congratulations on your nomination.

Best regards,

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**Cc:** Caminiti, Mariagrazia  
**Subject:** Fwd: Cooperative Federalism Panel at 2017 Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite

Ryan - Thank you. I am forwarding your note to the Acting Director of the Ethics Office for further guidance. Best, Dan

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Dan, can you advise whether you can accept a small token of our appreciation for being our keynote speaker?

It is customary for the Environmental Law Section of the State Bar to present keynote speakers with a token that incorporates Yosemite National Park as a thank you for speaking at the conference. I hate to ruin the surprise, but I know there are rules governing gifts to federal officials so I'm erring on the side of advance notice. The token for the keynote speakers this year is an Ansel Adams print with an engraved plate that says, "Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite – 2017 Keynote Speaker." The value is approximately \$75, and it is intended primarily for presentation. See 5 C.F.R. sec. 2635.203(b)(2) (excluding "[g]reeting cards and items with little intrinsic value, such as plaques, certificates, and trophies, which are intended primarily for presentation" from the definition of a "gift").

Best regards,

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**Subject:** RE: Cooperative Federalism Panel at 2017 Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite

Dan,

Thank you again for making the trip! I'm glad to hear you're getting good feedback on your presentations. I had many people tell me that they appreciated your willingness to engage and forthrightness. I think there is a lot of curiosity about what is happening at Interior, and you



provided a lot of good information about the Department's priorities, including who is responsible for different initiatives and programs. Several people that took the time to meet you in person after each program told me that they especially appreciated your willingness to talk with them and to follow up.

Thanks for your message just now – I'm sorry I missed your call. We would love to have you back with your family to the conference as an invited speaker, and you can count on us being in touch the future. (I also bring my family and it is a high point for us every year.) I also appreciate you following up on editing your presentation so that it can be shared.

You'll be getting a more formal thank you from us shortly. Speaking of which, it is customary for the Environmental Law Section of the State Bar to present keynote speakers with a token that incorporates Yosemite National Park as a thank you for speaking at the conference. I hate to ruin the surprise, but I know there are rules governing gifts to federal officials so I'm erring on the side of advance notice. The token for the keynote speakers this year is an Ansel Adams print with an engraved plate that says, "Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite – 2017 Keynote Speaker." The value is approximately \$75, and it is intended primarily for presentation. See 5 C.F.R. sec. 2635.203(b)(2) (excluding "[g]reeting cards and items with little intrinsic value, such as plaques, certificates, and trophies, which are intended primarily for presentation" from the definition of a "gift").

It was a pleasure to meet you and I sincerely appreciate your willingness to come on short notice and when you were not feeling your best!

Best regards,

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Ryan - Thank you for organizing such a stellar event. I am getting a fair number of messages like the one below regarding both the keynote and the panel. I hope you had a safe journey back home and look forward to reconnecting.

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That was a great presentation on Friday at the Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite.

I lead a hike on Friday afternoon. Several people on the hike had attended the panel, and all thought it was great. I heard from several others later, and the feedback was uniformly positive.

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